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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 21st-August, through Sunday, 28th-August there were 210 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5X, 5Z, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY9, D2, DL, DU, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T32, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2V, VP6, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZL7, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

5H, TANZANIA. Operators Sergei/R4WAA and Yan/RZ3FW will be active as 5H1WW from Unguja, Zanzibar Island (AF-032), between November 19-28th. Activity will be holiday style on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and the Digital modes. They also plan to be an entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry. QSL via RZ3FW or ClubLog's OQRS.

5W, SAMOA. Bob, VK2BOB, will be active as 5W0BOB from Upolu, Samoa (OC-097), between September 10-17th. Activity will be on 40 and 20 meters using mainly SSB. QSL via VK2BOB direct only. His log will be uploaded to ClubLog.

7P, LESOTHO. Gordon, K7TRB, will be active as 7P8VA from Maseru between now and November 5th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters (possibly 6m) using SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau and possibly LoTW (he has not yet decided).

9X, RWANDA. Jim, KB1ZSQ, is now active as 9X0JW from Kigali until December 30th, 2017. Activity is limited to various times on 80-10 meters and using SSB and the Digital modes. "The Daily DX" reports that he likes running

QRP (5w), but he does have 100 watts. He is currently designing a QSL card, but does provide an eQSL, so QSL via eQSL.

A5, BHUTAN. Zorro, JH1AJT, will once again travel to Bhutan with Champ/E21EIC and Franz/DJ9ZB next month. Their main purpose of this trip is to support the launch of Paralympic Committee in Bhutan with Bhutan Olympic Committee (BOC). The callsign A5A will be activated again between September 8-17th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, with two stations on the air (2xTS-590 + 1.3K-FA), using a tri-band beam (20/15/10m) and wire verticals for other bands. QSL to JH1AJT; PO Box 8, Oiso, Naka-gun, KANAGAWA 259-0111, Japan. An OQRS will be available at ClubLog after Zorro's return to Japan.

CE0Y, EASTER ISLAND. Alejandro, LU9VEA, will be active as CE0Y/LU9VEA from Easter Island (SA-001) between September 26-30th. Activity will be on various HF bands on SSB using a Kenwood TS480SAT with an 500w amp into verticals and dipoles antennas. QSL via IK2DUW.

CR3/CT9, MADEIRA ISLANDS. Operators Dieter/DK4QT, Thomas/DL6TK, Kalle/DM3BJ and possibly others will be active as CT9/homecall from Santana, Madeira Island (AF-014) between September 19-28th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They plan to be an entry in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 24-25th) signing CR3W. QSL CR3W via DL5AXX. QSL all others via their home callsigns.

CY9C ST. PAUL ISLAND DXPEDITION (Update). By the time you read this, the CY9C operation should be starting to shut down or are QRT. They reported on Saturday -- "St. Paul was hit by an intense thunderstorm at 0300Z this morning.... Operations were disrupted but all is up and running this morning.... The team is tired but otherwise in good spirits."

Sunday morning Murray, WA4DAN, sent out the following: "The departure plans for the CY9C DXpedition team have been finalized. Limited operations have taken place at the Northeast Island this morning but will be shut down soon. The Atlantic Cove team has two stations operational until late this evening. The team helicopter is flying this morning and will continue today as it is taking most of the electronics back to Dingwall. The boats will be coming to Atlantic Cove late this afternoon and loading a lot of the gear stored on the island.

Shortly after sunrise on Monday morning the boat will take the remaining ops and gear off the island officially closing the CY9C DXpedition.

The team reports approximately 60K contacts in the log. A final tally will take place after the conclusion of the DXpedition.

Today and tomorrow will be very hectic for the team but an update will take place Monday afternoon or evening.

It was a pleasure working the thousands of deserving DX'ers.

.... 73, Murray WA4DAN"

OPDX has been posting the updates on the NODXA FaceBook page at:
http://www.facebook.com/NorthernOhioDxAssociation

Dxpedition contacts logged will be posted LIVE on the website for those who desire to check if they are in the log. Also QSL information has been posted on the website.

FG, GUADELOUPE. Dave, WJ2O, will be active as FG/WJ2O from Guadeloupe (NA-102) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. Look for activity before and after the contest on 30/17/12 meters. QSL via N2ZN direct.

GRID EXPEDITION TO EO91 (Moosonee, ON). Ken, VE3HLS, announced a Grid EXpedition to Moosonee, ON, Canada, which is in EO91. He will be arriving early afternoon on Friday, September 23rd, and leaving late afternoon Monday, September 26th. That gives him four days to put EO91 on the air via the Satellite. Moosonee is a Cree village located on the Moose River, which empties into James Bay, about 15 km downstream. By land, Moosonee is only accessible by train; The Polar Bear Express that runs from Cochrane, ON. It's also accessible by air at much greater expense. He will be driving to Cochrane and taking a few days to get there which will enable him to activate other grids along the way, such as FN06, FN07, FN08, EN98 and EN99. Look for updates on his Twitter page at: https://twitter.com/@VE3HLS

HR, HONDURAS. Mike, AJ9C, will be active as HR2/AJ9C from Santa Barbara (HR2J's QTH) between November 22-30th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, outside of the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th). During the contest, Mike will sign HR2J as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL HR2J via info on QRZ.com. QSL HR2/AJ9C via AJ9C direct or LoTW. Mike states, "I will have a copy of all logs including HR2J for the CQWW CW 2016, but don't want to confuse QSLing by announcing me as a route for HR2J QSLs. I will only have the logs for CQWW CW 2016."

IOTA NEWS.....

AF-045. Jul, 6W1QL, states that the 2016 Gorée Island expedition by the members of ARAS (Association des Radio-Amateurs du Senegal), will once again be active as 6V1A between December 16-18th. No other details were provided.

AS-095. Due to bad weather and high waves the R23RRC/P operation to Starichkov Island was cancelled.

NA-122. Operators from the Dominican Republic will be active as HI1UD from Beata Island between January 25th and February 1st, 2017. Activity will be on various HF bands and modes. QSL via W2CCW.

NA-134. Bo, OX3LX, will be active from Aasiaat Island between August 31st and September 13th. Activity will be on various HF bands as well as some 2m EME (WW Loc. GP38nq) using a small 10 element beam and 1KW. He states, "This is not a DXped so only QRV when not at QRL. Best chance is in the morning around lunch and after dinner(local time utc+2) In the weekend also during night/ morning." For more details and updates, see:
http://geronne.dk/index.php/ox3lx/ox3lx-dxped

NA-173. Operators Martin/VA2AMH, Marc-Andre/VE2MBT, Jean-Pierre/VE2SSS, Pascal/VE2WHZ and Rémi/VE2YAG will be active as VA2NDX/VY0 from Charlton Island between July 28-30th, 2017. This island is in CQ Zone 2. Activity will be on various HF bands and include the 2017 RSGB IOTA Contest. Operators are members of the NORDX Club . The group states, "This requires lots of DXedition scheduling and organization, a goal that the VA2AMH Martin team will be ready to give to this very rare island to the ham community worldwide. This island is very remote, reachable only by boat, and the Cree community will assist us and allows us to install our temporary station in the island." QSL via F4BHW direct only. For more details and updates, see:
http://www.nordx.net/index.php/les-dxpeditions/va2ndx-vy0-2017-iota-na-173-dxpedition

ISWL CALLSIGNS (For September). The following ISWL club callsigns will be used throughout the month of September 2016:

GX4BJC/A - Operated from near Towcester, in Northamptonshire, by Phil, G4DMS. (/A WAB Square SP65 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

MX1SWL/A - Operated from Clacton on Sea, in Essex, by George, G1IPU. (/A WAB Square TM11 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841). George will also operate as: MX1SWL/P in England; plus: MS1SWL/P in Scotland, WLOTA 1234; and MC1SWL/P in Wales, WLOTA 0453. His /P WAB information will be given if requested.

ALL QSLs will be handled by Herbie, G6XOU, and NOT the individual operator. The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club. All QSL info is on or or via .
NO LoTW. I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWLs, see for full details. The eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for their awards.

J28, DJIBOUTI. Jean-Philippe, F1TMY, will be active as J28PJ from Djibouti starting September 1st, and he will be there for at least 3 years (possibly 5 years). Activity will be on 160-6 meters using an Inverted L for 160m, Spiderbeam 5 bands Yagi, 5 Elts Tonna 50 MHz Yagi, G5RV, and an ATAS 120 for mobile uses signing J28PJ/MM. QSL via F1TMY.

J6, ST. LUCIA (Update). Operators Bill/AA4OC (J68OC), Mac/WT4BT (J68MT), Scott/AK5SD (J6/AK5SD), Ev/W6ABM (J6/W6ABM), Joe/N7BF (J68KF) and Rex/NX8G (J6/NX8G) will be active from Chateau Devaux in Cap Estate on the northern tip of the island between November 6-11th. Activity will be holiday style with an emphasis on CW, SSB and the Digital modes between 80-10 meters as band conditions permit. Rex will be primarily on the Digital modes (RTTY, JT65 and JT9 and maybe some experimentation with PSK31 and Hellschriber). They report this past week, "We'll be packing up before the WAE DX RTTY and we don't have a CW contester in the mix for the ARRL CW Sweeps." QSL J68KF via N7BF direct. QSL all others via LoTW or direct to their home callsign. Double check QRZ.com for QSL info.

JT, MONGOLIA. Nobuaki, JA0JHQ, will be active as JT5NH from Ulaanbaatar between September 1-4th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. His main plans are to be in the All Asian DX SSB Contest (September 3-4th) on 80/40/20/15 meters. CW operations outside of the contest will be on 160/30/17/12/10 meters depending on band conditions. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau (recomended) or LoTW (recomended 1st). For more details and updates, see: http://pandasan.jimdo.com

KP2, U.S VIRGIN ISLANDS. Operators John/K3CT, Tony/N2TK, Barry/W3FV and Pasquale/W3FIZ will be active as KP2M from the Radio Reef DX'ers Station rental shack on St. Croix Island (NA-106) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL KP2M via NZ4DX (direct only) or LoTW. NO Bureau QSLs.

MOBILE TOUR. Eberhard, DL4WE, plans a 4 week (Portable, Mobile, MM) holiday tour starting September 15th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters. Operations will be from Germany (DL), Italy (I), Austria (OE), Slovenia (S5), Croatia (9A), Bosnia-Herzegovina (E7), Romania (YO), Albania (ZA) and Greece (SV). Listen for QSL info.

OJ0, MARKET REEF. Pasi, OH3WS, will once again be active as OJ0W from Market Reef (EU-053) between September 3-10th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

ON44, BELGIUM (Special Event). Members of the Radio Club Binche (ON7RY) will activate the special event station ON44WAR on September 3rd and 4th. Activity is to commemorate the sacrifice of the Belgian Resistance (WWII) and especially those of the Refuge B 40 in Waudrez (Belgium). The time-table of the activities will be as follows:

On Saturday 3rd from 09:00 AM up to 06:00 PM (UTC + 2)
On Sunday 4th from 09:00 AM up to 03:00 PM (UTC + 2)

At the hour up to the hour and a half, CW transmissions with a Whaddon MK VII (Paraset) on the 7 MHz band (notably 7025 kHz).

At the hour and a half up to the next hour, SSB transmissions on the 7 MHz band.

QSL information via ON7RY (direct or by the Bureau).

PACIFIC TOUR (Update). Operators Nob/JF2MBF and Ken/JA2FJP are now active from Adamstown, Pitcairn Island, the first of five islands from the Pacific. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will have a pair of IC-7300, an IC-706MKII, a 500W linear amplifier and vertical antennas. They have added a 6m single loop antenna and plan to have a beacon calling "CQ de CALLSIGN K" on 50.095MHz looking for 6m enthusiasts. Their tentative schedule, callsigns and destinations are as follows:

Now thru-September 3rd	-- VP6J from Pitcairn Island (OC-044)
September 8-19th	-- E51Q from Rarotonga Island, South Cook (OC-013)
September 20-29th	-- Callsign (E6 TBA) Niue (OC-040)
October 4-10th	-- T2J from Tuvalu (OC-015)
October 11-13th	-- 3D2GG from Nadi, Fiji, (OC-016)

QSL via JF2MBF, direct, ClubLog's OQRS (Preferred) or LoTW. For Bureau QSLs they state, "No need to send your QSL. We'll send QSLs to the Bureau (one-sided QSLs) a year later or so for those who don't request via OQRS or direct. LoTW: All logs will be uploaded to LoTW at an appropriate time."

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN. Tom, AA9A, will once again be active as PJ7AA from Simpson Bay, Sint Maarten (NA-105), between February 15th and March 17th (2017). Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and JT65. If like last year, Tom may spend a few hours in the ARRL SSB Contest (March 4-5th). Operations will be with 100 watts with a K3 and Buddi-pole. QSL via AA9A or LoTW.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (August 29th-September 4th).....

Aug/29th	HN	Sep/01st	AN	Sep/03rd	AN
Aug/30th	BN	Sep/02nd	AN	Sep/04th	HN
Aug/31st	HN				

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE :
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software pre-dictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:
http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....(August 28th)

4J1926HR via 4J5A (d)	EO90WU via UW1WU	R23RRC via R7AL (O)
5Q0X via OZ1EHW	ES/SA5FYR via SA5FYR	S01WS via EA2JG
5T2AI via NI5DX	GB0ZIG via G1XRJ	SN1050LVK via SP4LVK
8S6VAN via SM6JSM	GB4LL/LH via G4WUA	SN19LH/2 via SP5EZJ
9A/SP5UUD via SP5UUD	HB0/HB9DQM/P via HB9DQM	VE7SV via N7RO
9A0HRS via 9A3JB	HB9/DL2DXA/P via DL2DXA	VE9M80A via (VE9- B)
9A50CBM via 9A1CBM	HF670BY via SP2PBM	W2L via K2KU (d)
A52AEF via JH3AEF	II3WW via IQ3BM	YJ0COW via KC0W (d)
CS2LH via CS5LX	IT9/OZ8BV via HB9DUY	YP700CJ via YO5KIP (d)
D73G via HL4CEL(d)/6L0NJ (B)	KH6/F4GHS via F4GHS (d)	YT160TESLA via YU1MM
DG8SBX/AM via DL2DN	LZ60CF via LZ1CF	Z370CEF via Z37CEF
DL70NRW via DK7TX	OH/M0DHU via JE1ABU	Z61KR/P via 9A1R
DL800JE via DK4WA	OH5/DG2SBL via DG2SBL	ZV8P via PY8WW (d)
E717MFF via E73Y	OR70AF via ON2KFJ	ZW8T via PS8HF
EI0LHL via EI4GXB	OS8A via ON8VK	
EJ0L via MI0BPB (d)	R1CC via DJ1ND	

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: EM0E/P (EU-182), JE1CKA, OJ0DX and TR8CA

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5V7D, KH8/KC0W and VE7SL

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3D2RA, 4U1VIC, 6W/HA0NAR, 8R1RPN, C21GC, C33JM, C92ZO, DU1/OE1SGU, FP/OE3GEA, FR/OH2YL, HI3/OE3GEA, JY8LZ, LZ40YE, LZ44WFF, LZ73TRC, LZ111RF, RN110RAEM, S79AC, SW9AA, T2GC, TA3J/0, TC2K4J, TC0A, OH3JR/VP9, YM125ATA, YM1907FB, Z60A and ZD8JR

T31, CENTRAL KIRIBATI. DX News reports that operators Dom/3Z9DX, Leszek/SP3DOI and Przemy/SP7VC will be active as T31T from Kanton Island (OC-043) starting October 4th. Length of stay was not mentioned. All operators

are members of Rebel DX Group. It states on QRZ.com: "We are going for a 6 weeks trip to do radio activity and volunteer help to the local T31 community, including Radio Emergency Communication System. The residents don't have any type of communication with the rest of the world at this moment, and in case of any disaster or health problems, they can only count on themselves." Activity will be on 160-10 meters and probably be on CW, SSB and with some Digital modes. They will use Icom 7300 transceivers with amplifiers. QSL via 3Z9DX direct (see QRZ.com) or ClubLog's OQRS.

TK, CORSICA. Salvatore, IK8UND, will be active as TK9R from Ajaccio, Corsica (EU-014), during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power/(Possibly Assisted) entry. QSL via IK8UND direct ONLY.

YX0, AVES ISLAND (Update). Steve, W4DTA/YV5DTA, sent out the following "Official Press-Release" on August 24th: The Amateur Radio Association of Venezuela, Sectional "Santiago de Leon de Caracas" regrets to inform the entire amateur radio community of Venezuela and the world, that the Bolivarian Armada of Venezuela has notified us that for reasons outside of the DXpedition team control that the expedition to Aves Island to be held in commemoration of Navy Day 2016, by the end of this August and early September has been put on hold until further notice.....
73, Steve Romagni, W4DTA – Pilot station for YX0V

This was followed by another message by Steve the next day (25th) showing a satellite photo that the Navy was concerned about setting sail to YV0 this past weekend. The photo showed that YV0 was pretty much near the area where hurricanes love to form this time of the year, and at the moment there are two just too close. Steve, mentions, "When I was there in 1992, the island at high tide almost disappears, I can imagine with these storms around how it will look. You all remember safety comes first. I want to remind you and the dx community that this is the same team that lost one operator on YV0 from cardiac arrest. So we are very aware of what can happen in this type of operations. As soon as I get more details I will let you all know..." Then later in the day Steve sent out: "YX0V is very thankful for all of the donations, emails, and calls received regarding the operation. They are still working hard, and the team is ready to go when the Navy says go. At the moment weather is a big factor at the moment with two tropical storms near YV0. The team has asked to please hold on any kind of donations until after the operation has started. I will inform you all when that is as well."

For more details and updates on the YX0V DXpedition, see the following URLs:
YX0V Web site: http://yx0v.com
Twitter: https://twitter.com/yx0v2016
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/yx0v2016
VA3QR Blog page: http://va3qr.ca/cy9c-day-10/

ZZ0T, TRINDADE AND MARTIM VAZ ISLANDS. Reports indicate that there will be an operation from here sometime in 2018. Look for details to be forthcoming.

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